

REMARKS

Claims 1-9, 22 and 23 are pending. Claims 22 and 23 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1-9 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-9 of U.S. Patent No. 6,641,744.

Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 1-9 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-9 of U.S. Patent No. 6,641,744. Applicants have submitted a terminal disclaimer herewith. Consequently, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the obviousness-type double patenting rejection of Claims 1-9.

Conclusion

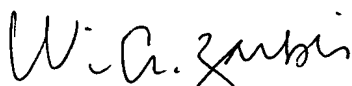
In light of the above-listed amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the remaining Claims.

The Examiner is urged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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